THE 1980 APPOMATTOX Major League All Star team: front row, from left - - Jeff Motley, Tim Turner, Marvin Hamlett, Ricky Dickerson, Shawn Morris, Ron Seay; second row, from left - - Darren Tolley, Wesley Martin, Eric Turner, Bret Marston, Andrea McCoy, Eugie Taylor, R. D. Hudson, Russell Walton, Kenny Richardson, and Sonny Martin. Coaches in back row from left are Steve Moore, Bobby Seay, and Charlie Johnson.

Atoms are state industrial champions

The Babcock and Wilcox Atoms emerged as the 1980 State Industrial Softball League champions following the Industrial League tournament held July 11-13 at Covington.

The Atoms compiled a 6-1 record during the tournament.

The victories included wins over Westvaco of Covington, 17-9; FMC of Stuart Draft, 9-0; Hercules, 12-4; and B&W's commercial plant, CNFP, 10-0.

CNFP was eliminated from the tournament by a strong Vepco team from Fisherville, and this set the stage for a showdown between the Atoms and Vepco.

Vepco had lost a game in the tournament earlier, and would have to beat the Atoms twice to win the double-elimination tournament.

In the first game, the lead changed many times. Vepco took the game in the last inning, 8-7.

The Atoms came out hitting in the championship game. The B&W team pounded out 27 hits, compiling a final score of 17-11 over Vepco.

Most Valuable Player honors went to Philip Clay, catcher for B&W, who had four homers and 18 runs batted in.

Other top hitters for the weekend were second baseman Craig Martin (.632), outfielder Wayne Doss (.619), outfielder John Moon (.571), and shortstop Steve Fix (.556).

Other members of the team are third-baseman Larry Moore, outfielder Bill Gray, pitchers Joel Pillow and Leonard Harris, first-baseman John Cash, outfielders Ronnie Eagle, Mike Floyd and Doug Terrell. The team manager and coach is Gerald Johnson.

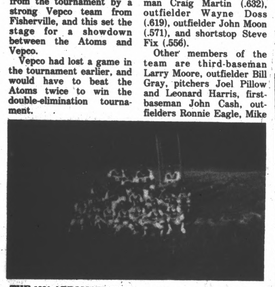
This is the third tournament B&W's Atoms have won, qualifying them for the World Industrial Tournament to be held Labor Day weekend in Dearborn, Mich.

Last year the Atoms finished ninth in the nation, in the tournament held in St. Louis, Mo. There were 56 teams entered in the tournament.

The Atoms have been the runnerup team several times in state competition. After a slow start this season, the team's record now stands at 48 wins, 19 losses. The team has won 34 of their last 37 games, and went undefeated (10-0) in the last, half of the Lynchburg City League season.

The team will play Armstrong Electric for the city championship this week.

Wayne Doss and Larry Moore are 1968 graduates of Appomattox County High School.



THE 1980 APPOMATTOX County Minor League All Star team consists of Manager Evan Thompson and Coaches Jimmy Franklin and Dennis Drinkard. Players on the all star team are Michael W. Bohannon, Charles Van A. Burke, Brian S. Dickerson, Dennis W. Drinkard, Jr., Randall S. Ferguson, Terry L. Ferguson, Elijah J. Goode, II, S. Todd Gaill, Terry W. Guthrie, Randall W. Lewis, Michael W. Mann, Darrell N. Richardson, Gary L. Scruggs, Maurice C. Turner, Danny R. Williams, and Leroy C. Wooldridge.

Pitch, Hit and Run
Denny Drinkard wins

DENNY DRINKARD

Denny Drinkard of Route 4, Appomattox was the 10-year-old winner in the Local Pitch, Hit and Run Competition held July 12, 1980. This event was the first stage in the national Pitch, Hit and Run Competition.

Denny excelled in the three key Pitch, Hit & Run skills: pitching for accuracy, hitting for distance and running against the clock to achieve the highest combined score of all youngsters in the 10 year old age group.

The Pitch, Hit & Run Competition, open to boys and girls ages 8-13, was held at Sandusky Middle School in Lynchburg. At the same time, more than 1,000 similar competitions were being conducted nationwide. Pitch, Hit & Run, the Official Youth Program of Major League Baseball is sponsored as a public service by local Burger King restaurants. The Pitch, Hit & Run program was developed in cooperation with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Denny is a student at Appomattox Elementary School and is a Weblo Scout in Boy Scout Troop 546, he played baseball for the Oakville Minor League team and made the All Star team and attends Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church.

Pitch, Hit & Run local winners go on to compete at the District competition to be held at Roanoke on July 26. District winners are then eligible to compete in Division Champions h i p s held at eleven Major League Stadiums across the country. Out of this field of winners will emerge the top twelve scorers in the nation (two in each age group). These lucky youngsters will go on to compete at historic Cooperstown, New York, home of Baseball's Hall of Fame and will receive their awards on field prior to the second game of the 1980 World Series.

4-H workshop scheduled

A 4-H Electric Workshop will be held in the Extension Office next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 29 and 30. The workshop on Tuesday will begin at 10:00 a.m. and be over about 2:00 p.m. 4-H'ers may bring a lunch. Included in Tuesday's program will be how electricity is formed, a microwave demonstration and electricity conservation methods. On Wednesday, the group will travel to Appalachian Power Company's Smith Mountain Lake Dam for a tour of that facility. 4-H'ers will meet at the Extension Office at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. If you would like to take part, please call the Extension Office (352-5244) by Friday, July 25.

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The 4-H Sewing Classes will be held at Oakville School during the week of August 4-8, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day. If you would like to participate, please give us a call.

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Laurie McLean and Allen Smith are new 4-H All Stars from Appomattox County. The District All Star Banquet was held at Camp Hat Creek this past weekend. The 4-H All Star program recognizes those 4-H members who have done exceptional work over their 4-H years.

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We recently received a copy of the 1980 State Fair Catalog. If you would like to look through it, please stop by. We should have a few copies for handouts by early August.

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The long awaited 4-H Dog Training projects arrived last week. We had been trying to obtain them since last November. If you would like one, please give us a call.

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4-H'ers interested in building model rockets will have a chance to do just that during a workshop on August 13 and 14. Cost for the rocket kit will be $3.25. 4-H'ers interested many sign up for the workshop by calling the Extension Office by Wednesday, July 30. Upon completion of the rockets, members will have an opportunity to launch them.

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The 4-H Hamster Project is now completed if you would like one. This project was developed by Jessica Stanley and Martha Haley. It can also be used for gerbils, mice or similar pets.

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Tobacco crop auctions slated

By TOM CONRAD

Auctions of the 1980 crop of flue-cured tobacco will begin July 21 (3 days later than last year) with the opening of the Georgia-Florida Belt. South Carolina-Border North Carolina markets will open July 28 followed one day later by Eastern North Carolina and the "sandhill" markets. Area "D" markets (middle belt) will join the others Aug. 4 with remaining markets (Old Belt) opening Aug. 11. The final opening date last season was Aug. 7. The openings were announced by the Secretary of Agriculture upon recommendation of the Flue-Cured Advisory Committee.

Under the designation system, every market in a given belt may not sell each day. Buyers and federal graders will rotate markets according to the volume of tobacco designated at the various points. Growers may change their designations during the season if they wish. The first redesignation period will begin July 28 and run through Aug. 1, with the effective date for selling at the redesignated warehouse beginning Aug. 11. Latest figures show 1,276 pounds have been designated for 1980. The effective pound-allotment is a little over 1,187 pounds, up 11.1 percent from last year (growers can designate 110 percent of their quota).

Gross sales in 1979 for all flue-cured types totaled 1,019 million pounds and averaged $140.06 per hundred, according to the Federal-State Market News Service.

Loan rates by grades for the 1980 crop reflect an average support price of $1.415 per pound compared to $1.293 last season. Special factor "sand" or "dirt" will be applied to all priming grades and to first quality nondescript from the priming group, which contain a moderate amount of dirt or sand.

Growers delivered 69.8 million pounds or 7.4 percent of net sales to the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation last season. Eight grades which received price support under past programs will not be supported this year because they are in excess supply and have light demand. Those grades are: P5L, P5F, P5G, N1L, N1XL, N1XO, and N1PO.

Production of flue-cured tobacco for 1980 was estimated at 1,116 million pounds by the USDA Crop Reporting Board in their July release. Estimates by belts follow: Old and Middle Belt, 359,050,000 pounds; Eastern North Carolina, 393,125,000 pounds; South Carolina and Border North Carolina, 234,000,000 pounds; Georgia-Florida, 130,167,000 pounds. The next estimate will be released Aug. 11, 1980.

Exports. With limited demand overseas for the 1979 crop, U.S. flue-cured exports this marketing year are a seventh below last season's record level and slightly below the 1968-77 average. For the 10 months through April, exports totaled 473 million pounds compared with 555 million in the same period a year earlier. The 1979 crop was of average quality and a number of countries reduced inventories.

ASCS TODAY
By Tom Conrad

Here are some of the causes that interfere with vaccine response:

1. Mishandled products (read the label) a) outdated products b) storage temperature;

2. Administering products (read the label) a) dosage b) improper mixing or combining c)chemicals and disinfectants used;

3. Other factors a) clostral antibodies b) unhealthy antibodies c) some calves have immunization tolerance.

Nitrate poisoning is always a concern on drought stressed grasses that have received heavy amounts of nitrogen either from manure or regular fertilizer source. The question often asked is how much is too much and there is no good answer. How much nitrogen is applied? How tall is the grass? Rates above 80 pounds and little growth would obviously be a concern. Harvesting the material as silage is the safest way to feed. Allow three weeks for fermentation to be complete. The fermentation process removes a significant amount of the nitrate. Cattle should be acclimated to this feed over a period of several days.

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If you have seed that will be used for fall seeding and you need a germination test -- better get it in early.

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Now is a good time to get lime applied to pasture and hay fields. The lime is available -- truckers aren't as busy as in spring or fall -- these crops can be covered easily.

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At the end of June the Virginia Tech Soil Testing Lab had processed 53,000 samples for the year. Currently they are running about 100 per day. There is no backlog -- just as soon as moisture conditions permit, plan to get your samples in.

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There will be a Tobacco Disease Clinic and tour of tobacco plots at the Southern Piedmont Station Thursday, July 31. Those interested in pooling transportation should plan to leave the County Extension Office at 9 a.m.

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Feeder cattle

Fall cattle sale slated

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Plans are set for the fall round of feeder cattle sales. For a number of years the Lynchburg sale has had what is termed a "Growth Sale." This is another way of saying that sires of calves in this sale have achieved a minimum growth performance. Looking over some past records -- buyers must like this sale. Calves in the growth sale brought more dollars than those in the second calf sale. 1977 the difference was $4.77, in 1978 it was $3.34 and in 1979 there was a difference of $6.29.

Producers who would like to market their cattle through an organized sale should return nominations promptly.

All calves will be vaccinated against IBR, PI3 and 7-strains clostridium. Vaccinations done between the dates of Aug. 15 and Sept. 13 will qualify for all three sales (Oct. 2, 23, and Nov. 6).

Vaccination requirements for the Lyrchburg Feeder Sales are practical management practices for all cattlemen. This should be the minimum treatment for cattle to be kept, sold through organized sales or sold on the open market.

The purchase, care and administration of vaccines is extremely important. A high quality product improperly stored, handled or administered can be a total loss.

"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

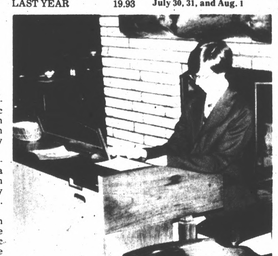
Jimison to debut

Local musician John Jimison will provide music during the Sunday lunch period and Thursday lunch periods at the John Mosby Inn restaurant.

Appomattox's first "dinner music" will come from a six-year student of organ and music. John is currently a music student of Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan.

John earned a gold cup in piano and organ from the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs for participating in the state wide club festival.

He will also be available for catered wedding dinners, business meetings, and club luncheons and dinners.



APPOMATTOX'S NEW DINNER-MUSIC artist, John Jimison, performs for dinner guests at John Mosby Inn.

Girl athletes' physicals set

Free physicals for girls' athletics will be offered at Appomattox County High School July 28 (Monday) at 3 p.m. in the main office.

Forms for the physical examination are available in the front office now during regular working hours.

All girls who plan to participate in high school athletics must have a physical examination.

DAVID COVINGTON, as Albert Peterson, berates Tamara Nash, as his girlfriend, in rehearsal for Depot Dramatics' production of Bye-Bye Birdie, to be staged July 30, 31, and Aug. 1

Stage set for 'Bye-Bye Birdie'

"Bring that spotlight up sooner." "Hold the last note." "Quiet backstage!" "Come on, guys, we only have a week left." These are some of the directors' comments frequently overheard by those passing by the Appomatox Depot.

Rehearsal time is indeed running out for members of Depot Dramatics, Inc. as they prepare **Bye-Bye Birdie** for its opening performance.

The thirty-member cast and orchestra have been rehearsing for the past five weeks. Although there are many veteran performers in the show, they have had to work very hard-learning lines, songs, dance steps, and staging for the two-hour musical. As the group enters its last week of rehearsal, Director Debbie Rush says they are "putting the finishing touches on the show."

Bye-Bye Birdie will be presented July 31, August 1, and 2, at 8:00 p.m. in the Appomattox Depot. The hilarious musical comedy is set in the 1950's and has something to offer everyone-humor, music, dance, and romance. The plot revolves around a last-ditch publicity stunt staged when rock star Conrad Birdie is inducted into the Army.

Heading the cast will be David Covington as Albert Petersen, manager of Conrad, played by Tommie Robinson. Tamara Nash will portray Albert's secretary-girlfriend, who plans the publicity stunt to save Albert's business and rescue him from his domineering mother played by Cindy Thomas. Victims of the publicity stunt are the MacAfee family of Sweet Apple, Ohio. They will appear on the Ed Sullivan Show with Conrad as he bestows "One Last Kiss" on daughter Kim (Charlene Lawson). Other members of this wacky family are portrayed by Danny Harvey, Dean Nash, and Joyce Sweet. The problems arise when Kim's boyfriend, Hugo (Joe Ford), gets jealous of Conrad and decides to "do something about it."

Also featured in the cast are Barbara Wenning as the loony Ursula Merkle, Willis Fleshman as the bartender, Buddy Allen as the mayor, and Terri Nash, Susan Shorter, and Lisa Moore as the teen trio.

Others in the cast are Karen Stevens, Sheila Roach, Alene Preston, Beverly Coleman, Laura Magaan, Bruce Sanders, Luis Garcia, Steve Foster, and David Hancock.

The orchestra includes: Debbie Rush, Dean Hamilton, Robin Paulette, Randy Hipps, Dean Martin, Bruce Sanders, and Danny Harvey.

Tickets are on sale now from cast members. For reserved seats call Terri Nash at 352-8001.

PAUL Is COMING
JULY

Detecting pickle problems

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

(Note: Because of many requests, this information is being reprinted. This is the second in the series of two articles about pickling).

Many questions are asked each summer about pickling problems. I wish to share with you some information this week that may save you from having problems with your pickling.

Hollow pickles may be caused by too much time elapsing between picking and pickling. A good commonsense rule is to start the processing as soon as possible after picking or purchasing. If pickling cannot begin immediately, refrigerate or spread pickles out where they will be well ventilated and cool.

When picking cucumbers, fully developed cucumbers will sometimes be hollow when they are sliced when removed from the brine solution. Check whole cucumbers while washing. The hollow cucumbers will usually float. These cucumbers can be recycled into relishes or chunk style pickles.

Soft or slippery pickles may be caused by too little salt or acid. When selecting a recipe, be sure to follow that recipe. Use one that has been tested if possible. Another cause of soft or slippery pickles is when cucumbers are not thoroughly washed. If the blossom end or stem have not been removed, this can cause an enzymatic action which will soften the pickle; therefore, making it undesirable. Sometimes when pickles are packed in a vinegar solution, they tend to absorb the vinegar solution and are not covered. This, too, will cause soft pickles.

Jars should always be sealed airtight. Cap each jar immediately after packing and prior to processing. This, too, is another reason why some pickles become soft or slippery during storage, as well as insufficient heat treatment.

There are several causes of dark pickles. Sometimes there may be minerals in your water, especially iron. This can have a darkening effect as you put your pickles in brine or any type of water solution. Never use ground spices in place of whole spices. This, too, can have a darkening effect. An example of this would be using ground cinnamon in place of stick cinnamon or chipped cinnamon for pickling peaches. Never use iodized salt. This, too, has a darkening effect on pickles. Sometimes people use too much spice, overcook or use an iron utensil in preparation, thus causing darkening.

Shriveled pickles also may be caused by using too much salt, too much sugar or vinegar at the start of the pickling process. Again, I wish to remind you, use a standard recipe, one that has been tested and please follow it carefully.

Good news for homemakers

It is extremely important to use a crock or stone jar, unchipped enamel lined pan or large glass jar, bowl or casserole for fermenting or brining pickles. Never use a plastic container. Vegetables being pickled undergo a physical, as well as chemical changes during the brining or fermentation processes. As the result of these changes, the plastic may be affected, causing undesirable compounds to be formed or leached from the plastic. This, too, is another problem that can cause an inferior product that does not have the right flavor or could even be chemically harmful to you.

It is extremely important in order to get a good pickle product to use the right type of vinegar. Use cider or white distilled vinegar of four to six percent acidity. Most of the vinegar on the grocery store shelf now has five percent acidity. Never dilute vinegar unless the recipe so specifies. This, too, can cause a problem because vinegar is used as a preservative.

Should you have a pickling or food preservation problem, please call 352-8244 or write the Appomattox County Extension Office, P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to help you with your homemaking questions or problems. Have a good week!

Recipe of the week
Helen's Ripe Cucumber Pickle

Peel seed and cut cucumbers in strips for 7 pounds.

Mix 1 cup lime, 1 gallon water, pour over cucumbers and let stand overnight.

Rinse cucumbers in cold water then cover with cold water and let stand for 3 hours. Drain and cover with the following:

1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon celery seed
6 pounds sugar
2 quarts white vinegar

Mix well and pour over cucumbers. Let stand overnight. Boil all together for 35 minutes or until clear and brittle. When almost done, add 1 teaspoon of tumeric dissolved in 2 tablespoons of the syrup for color. Place in jars and seal.

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